# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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STRATEGY FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has devised State-wise strategies for agricultural development in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any efforts are being made to make special arrangements for the people of backwards, tribals, hilly and rural areas of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Government has worked out a strategy for accelerating growth in agriculture and allied sector in the country. The Government has taken a number of initiatives to improve the agriculture sector in the country. These, inter-alia, include the announcement of credit policy, which envisaged increasing flow of credit to agriculture sector. Government has approved a package for revival of cooperative credit structure. National Horticulture Mission (NHM) has been launched for development of horticulture and during 2006-07 eighteen states and two Union Territories were covered under the NHM. Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Macro Management is being implemented to ensure that central assistance is spent on focused and specific interventions for the development of agriculture in States. The scheme provides sufficient flexibility to the States to pursue the programmes on the basis of their regional priorities.

(c) to (d): Higher subsidy/special assistance under some scheme to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/small/marginal farmers are being given. In order to harness the potential of the horticulture in the hilly areas, the Government of India has sanctioned a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Technology Mission for Integrated Development of horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.